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105TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 1333

[Report No. 105-311]

To amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to allow national park units that cannot charge an entrance or admission fee to retain other fees and charges.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

October 29, 1997

Mr. Frist (for himself and Mr. Thompson) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 8 (legislative day, August 31), 1998
Reported by Mr. Murkowski, with an amendment
[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF LAND AND WATER CONSERVA-2 TION FUND ACT OF 1965. 3 Section 4(i)(1) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a(i)(1)) is amended 4 5 by adding at the end the following: 6 "(C) Units at which entrance fees 7 **ADMISSIONS** FEES OR CANNOT BE COL-8 LECTED.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), 9 in any fiscal year, the Secretary of the Interior 10 shall withhold from the special account under 11 subparagraph (A) 100 percent of the fees and 12 charges collected in connection with any unit of 13 the National Park System at which entrance 14 fees or admission fees cannot be collected by 15 reason of deed restrictions. Amounts so with-16 held shall be retained by the Secretary and 17 shall be available, without further appropria-18 tion, for expenditure by the Secretary for pur-19 poses of that unit.". SECTION 1. USE OF CERTAIN RECREATIONAL FEES. 20 21 Section 4(i)(1) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 460l-6a(i)(1)) is amended by 23 adding at the end the following: 24 "(C) Units at which entrance fees or 25 ADMISSIONS FEES CANNOT BE COLLECTED.—

1 "(i) WITHHOLDING OF AMOUNTS.— 2 Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), section 315(c) of section 101(c) of the Omnibus 3 4 Consolidated Recessions and Appropriations 5 Act of 1996 (16 U.S.C. 460l–6a note; Public 6 Law 104–134), or section 107 of the De-7 partment of the Interior and Related Agen-8 cies Appropriations Act, 1998 (16 U.S.C. 9 460l-6a note; Public Law 105-83), the Sec-10 retary of the Interior shall withhold from 11 the special account under subparagraph (A) 12 100 percent of the fees and charges collected 13 in connection with any unit of the National 14 Park System at which entrance fees or ad-15 mission fees cannot be collected by reason of 16 deed restrictions.

"(ii) USE OF AMOUNTS.—Amounts withheld under clause (i) shall be retained by the Secretary and shall be available, without further Act of appropriation, for expenditure by the Secretary for the unit with respect to which the amounts were collected for the purposes of enhancing the quality of the visitor experience, protection of resources, repair and maintenance, inter-

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1	pretation, signage, habitat or facility en-
2	hancement, resource preservation, annual
3	operation (including fee collection), mainte-
4	nance, and law enforcement."

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